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SOCCER NEWS

By MURRAY MASTERTON

Melbourne had its first view of the New Zealand tourists when they spent half an hour on the ground at Essendon on Monday on their way to Adelaide.

And a very tired group it was, too. The party left Auckland at 8 a.m. that morning, spent four hours in the rain at Sydney, and when they left Melbourne, at 7.30 p.m., they still had two hours' flying before touching down for the last time.

Many had been travelling much longer. Centre-half J. Hunter was hoping for a comfortable bed and a long lie-in Tuesday morning in Adelaide, as he had travelled by train overnight from Rotorua to join the party in Auckland just before take-off.

First question they asked — "What's the soccer like here?"

And about N.Z. soccer — "You wouldn't recognise it from that played three or four years ago."

If the tourists are as attractive in their play as they are off the field they will be popular in both aspects.

They will be back here tomorrow (Sunday) at 5 p.m. at Essendon, instead of Monday as previously arranged. The Australian Council made the change in the hope that more officials, players and public would be able to meet the New Zealanders on the Sunday than on a week day.

We already know that they played their first game under lights on Wednesday night, and have a harder game today against an Australian XI.

We all wish the New Zealanders a happy and successful time, not only in Victoria, but throughout the rest of their tour.

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EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8, by first post on Monday.

Today we see the start of a two-weeks' break from League games. Quarter-finals of the Dockerty Cup are with us today, and next Wednesday and Saturday we shall have the New Zealanders with us at the Showgrounds.

As a curtain-raiser to each of the New Zealand games, by the way, the V.A.S.F.A. is staging the semi-final and final of the Dunkling Shield for School teams. On the Wednesday Footscray Technical School meets Frankston High School in a semi-final, and the winner meets the victor of the Northcote High School-Oakleigh Technical School game in the final on the Saturday. Both games will be at 1.15 p.m., so roll up early and see the high standard that School soccer has reached in Victoria. V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Len Young, is high in praise of these School teams and describes two of them as being above the average standard of School teams overseas. We won't tell you which two — come and see for yourselves.

Today's Cup quarter-finals look like "open and shut" cases with the exception of the J.U.S.T.-Polonia game — but in Cup ties you never can tell.

Yallourn might be too good for Hakoah — anyway, down Gippsland way they fancy their chances. This game should draw a good crowd at Elsternwick, so also should the J.U.S.T.-Polonia game at Campbell Reserve, Moreland.

Surprise last week was the Juventus-Prahran drawn game, which the Italian team could easily have lost if the Prahran forwards had only put their boots to the ball in front of goal instead of waiting for it to balance on the right blade of grass. The Juventus forwards also were right off the beam and apart from Plateo's goal their shooting was poor. The game was exciting right to the end, and one or two spectators who say the Juventus-Hakoah game the previous week, considered the Como Park game was the most thrilling, if not the most scientific. To Prahran, it brought a probably unexpected and much-needed point, but to Juventus the loss of one point no longer means much.

The First Division League table has a few changes. Moreland once more drop below Footscray City, who defeated South Yarra, whereas Moreland lost by the only goal of the game to Brighton. Box Hill, who lost to Hakoah, have still a slender chance of staving off relegation. Prahran now have two points lead on Box Hill, but the result of the game between these two can have a considerable bearing on the final positions. A win to Box Hill means a tie on points and their respective goal averages are so close I will not try to divide them. Prahran have still to play Polonia, who they drew with last time, and South Yarra, who beat them. Box Hill have Moreland and Brighton to meet. Brighton's defeat of Moreland takes them into third place in the table over J.U.S.T. on a slight goal average advantage.

J.U.S.T. have slipped considerably since Alempyavitch transferred to Hakoah.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

RED HERRING

Attention has been invited by a well-known sports columnist to the fact that as soccer is not being played at the current Empire Games in Vancouver, a move from Australian soccer interests may see the sport included in the 1956 games. This helpful reminder is rather baffling, as since Rugby Union ceased to be the main game, soccer has always been on the programme, whether the City staging the games liked it or not. It looks, therefore, as if Melbourne will have to lump it, and stage their local field games as a sideline, unless some local quarantine laws exist against soccer teams as they do against thoroughbred horses.

Sending soccer teams half-way around the world to compete in a contest in which half of them are knocked out immediately is a risky business. It may mean about 16 players and officials cooling their heels after one game, whereas in track and field events most of the competitors have at least two events in which to compete.

YOUTH APPEAL

What do you consider the best move made by the V.A.S.F.A. Council this year? Some would be hard put to think of an answer, but I plump for the wise decision to allow schoolboys in free to see the New Zealanders. The loss of a few pounds at the gate will be amply repaid by the possible fostering of interest in the game to the uninitiated even if they are "playing the wag".

"Cast thy bread upon the waters . . ."

THE OLD LOOK

Congratulations to Tom Burn for the best rig-out seen this season — a cloth cap at the Showgrounds. Some of these modern stetsons make better doors than windows.

DOCKERTY CUP REHEARSAL

Many League encounters between teams drawn against each other in a cup-tie the following week are poor pointers; they often end in draws, but the game at the Showgrounds did not. Polonia proved to be the masters of J.U.S.T. and ran out clear winners. They will start favourites to figure in the last four, and come what may, even in the last two.

Something has happened to the J.U.S.T. forward line — it does not click at all. The goal that they did register was in the nature of a fluke and we had the astonishing sight of seeing Czauderna taken completely by

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HAKOAH v. SOUTH YARRA

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surprise. It must be annoying for a goalie, feet apart, to find the ball suddenly about to go through his legs and he has not got time to bend down.

Polonia lack a thrustful centre-forward. Up against a stolid centre-half in Pechout, Johnson did nothing but hug the centre of the field, and was never dangerous. When Galetski took over the position the scoring chance that came his way was banged home immediately.

I had previously been surprised to see Capobus figuring at the top of the "best and fairest", but not after this game. He certainly took my vote by getting through an amazing amount of work in the game, and rarely wasting a pass.

Czerkiewicz ran him close, especially after having to take over from Lawrie, but repeatedly kicking the ball deliberately out of play when winning will never get a fairness award.

Zakomarok must have thrown away his points with one hasty and bad-tempered action. Taking a free-kick for a foul on himself, he turned round and kicked the ball into the stand. Unfortunately, he was not told to fetch it.

Pittoni raised the biggest laugh of the match. When Bialek raised his foot rather close to Pittoni's shoulder to kick the ball, the latter seized it and held it out by the boot as much as to tell the referee "dangerous kicking". Unless, of course, like the famous advertisement in "Punch", he was interested in the make of footwear.

By a coincidence Pittoni and Weitzer are both first-class basket-ball players. One of the reasons perhaps why they took so many throw-ins instead of the wing-halves.

Most people had the impression that J.U.S.T. were thinking more about the following week, especially after their choice of the team. Time will tell, but they will have to find a much better forward line, including Vidovic.

"A PROPHET IS WITHOUT HONOUR . . ."

This is the time of the year when I gaze into my crystal ball and make rash prophecies, usually not as rash as by some others, as to the final results to the season. Here they are:—

Hakoah to pip Polonia for second place, and Box Hill to accompany South Yarra to the Second Division. The "Hillmen" I expect to return, but the outlook next season is grim for the other teams who will just have saved their bacon this season.

Yallourn will be welcomed back into the fold with George Cross, despite the long trip to play them. I can vouch for their hospitality there from a former year.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for the "Shoremen" from Flinders to go up with Slavia, and Wilhelmina and Maribyrnong should have no difficulty in clinching matters in the Fourth Division. The latter, I believe, will henceforth be known as Germania Trojans.

The other point of interest is the fight to avoid relegation in the Third Division, and I look to Frankston to keep the Peninsula flag flying. Moorabbin City deserve a better fate, so it looks like Coburg. White Eagles seem to have found the pace too hot, and they should pair off with Sunshine United.

As for the Cup — if they have found a good centre-forward, my tip is Polonia, or whoever beats them.

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LIGHTS ON LATROBE VALLEY

"BATTLE OF BRITAIN" CUP

Moe United can blame themselves for the extra expense incurred through their draw with Sale United. A penalty in the closing stages was missed — two kicks, in fact. Firstly, the Sale 'keeper moved before the kick and saved. Referee Grinpukel promptly blew for a re-kick, taken by a different player, who also failed to score. The replay at Sale next Saturday should be the game of the season.

Yallourn travelled to East Sale 'drome and were too strong for the R.A.A.F., and enter the semi-finals. Morwell, at home to the Tigers, won by the odd goal. This game opened sensationally when both teams had scored within four minutes of the kick-off. Referee Wilkinson had to speak to several of the players and checked what could have been an unruly game. Not until late in the second half did the champions get their winning goal.

Results: R.A.A.F. (2) v. Yallourn (4). Morwell (2) v. Tigers (1). Moe United (1) v. Sale United (1).

Games for Saturday, August 7: Replay "Battle of Britain" Cup — Sale United v. Moe United.

League games: Yallourn v. A.P.M. Tigers v. R.A.A.F. Morwell, bye.

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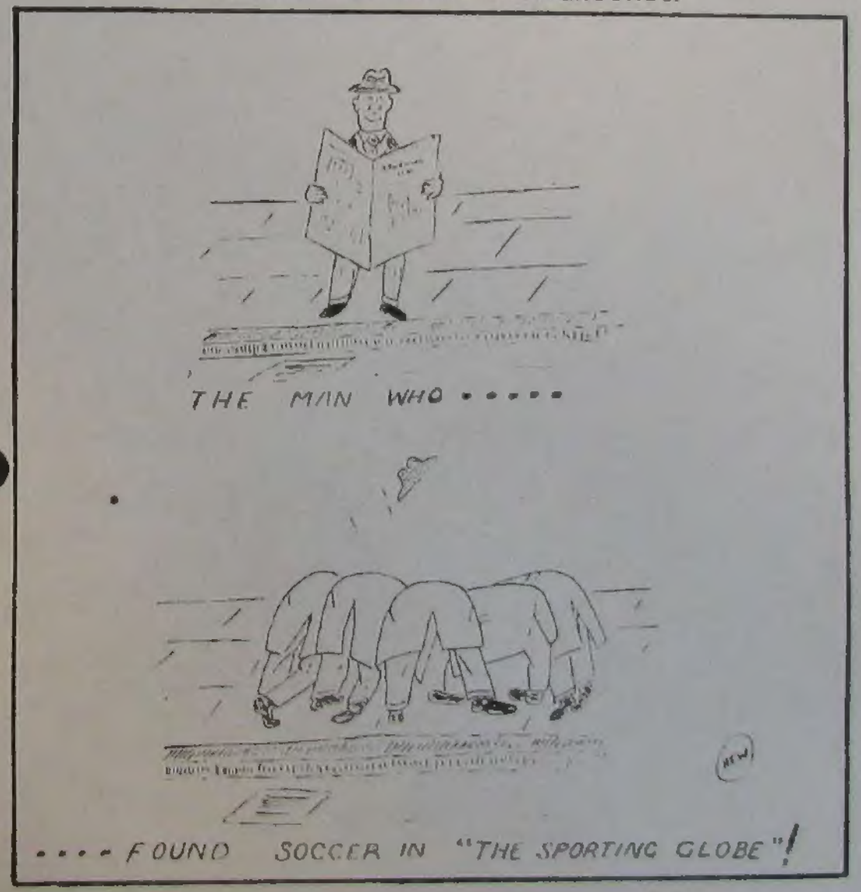

Letters to the Editor

30 Chestnut Street, Surrey Hills.

Dear Sir,—In last week's "Soccer News", in the Junior Section, the remarks by Denis Chambers about the two teams, Brighton "A" and Prahran, being unequalled among the Under 14 teams this season, he forgot about the other team, Box Hill "A", whose record is not far behind the other two, and this is it: Played 16, won 14, lost two, 95 goals for, 12 against — 28 points and the record might be better after we play Brighton "A" on Saturday.—I remain, Bill Stewart, Coach.

The University of Melbourne,
Department of Physical Education,
Carlton, N.3, July 27, 1954.

"OXYGEN AT HALF-TIME"

Dear Sir,—With reference to "Onlooker's Pot Shots" on the above subject in "Soccer News" of July 24, 1954, it is to be hoped that no Victorian club will follow the example of the Granville (N.S.W.) club, in administering oxygen to players at half-time, since it would serve no useful purpose.

There is ample scientific experimental evidence to show that it is impossible to improve performance or speed of recovery after activity by pouring oxygen into the lungs. The fact is that muscle cells can absorb only a certain amount of oxygen. Thus a cell cannot be influenced by an extra supply to take up more oxygen than it needs; it takes its requirements and rejects the remainder.

The body cannot store oxygen — on the contrary, the body can run an oxygen debt. In other words, when activity becomes so intense that the respiratory and circulatory systems fail to supply an adequate amount of oxygen, the muscles are able to continue to work for a short time by means of chemical processes which do not require oxygen. It is this ability which makes it possible for a well-trained athlete to run 100 yards without taking a breath, and in emergency permits a man to struggle when the oxygen supply is cut off as in a smoke-filled room or underwater.

Efficient performance and speedy recovery after activity are dependent upon sound preparation and training, planned to develop the components of fitness — cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, and power. There is no substitute for training based upon sound scientific principles.

At half-time a player may well assist a properly trained and prepared body to maintain its efficiency by such things as keeping warm, elevation of the lower limbs, and in certain instances, by taking sugar in a readily assimilable form.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. WILLEE,
Lecturer in Physical Education.

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COUNCIL JOTTINGS

By CHARLES DODD

THREE CHEERS FOR CHARLIE

The Council of the Association accepted with acclamation a generous invitation by Dr. Charles Walker to the New Zealand touring team and Council members to attend a cocktail party at the Amateur Sports Club on Monday, August 10, 1954.

NEW ZEALAND'S MANAGER

By MURRAY MASTERTON

John Kershaw will manage the New Zealand side on its Australian tour.

Those who have a long enough memory may remember that John toured here with the New Zealand team of 1932. He was most popular over here as a player, and he will no doubt make just as successful a manager.

John played soccer for many years during the late '20's and early '30's for Marist Club, and also became a Chatham Cup medallist — the N.Z. equivalent of an All-Australia Cup final winner.

Bill Carruthers, who will be assistant manager, is official coach of the N.Z. Soccer Council School at Palmerston North. He has been in Canterbury for the past two years and has improved the standard of play there considerably.

The N.Z. team is obviously in capable hands, and if their play is as good as their management, they will be worth seeing. Victoria will look forward to meeting both players and managers.

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CORNER KICKS

By KEVIN LOTT

YOUNGUN!

West Wallsend (N.S.W.) inside-right, Jim Foster, is expected to make the N.S.W. side to play N.Z.

Jim, who is only 17 years of age, is playing his first year in senior football.

Critics claim he is as brilliant as any forward they have seen.

TIP

No soccer for that Aussie Rules ground at Port Melbourne. And you can quote me.

COMING UP

Believe Sandringham are heading for greater things next year. N clubrooms will be start of climb to First Division.

SUPPORT

To Rex ("Home and Away") Benson, who suggests that we walk before we run.

Crawl before you walk, then walk over some Sunday and watch the Sunday Amateur Football League, and note the support they get. Let's not fool ourselves, we are not as big as we think.

Thanks to George Cross supporter for interesting letter. She informs me her copy of "Soccer News" is sent to Malta weekly. Good to see how interested women are, in our game.

WARNING

Rumour that certain club has played unregistered player came as a shock to me. Not the first time either. I believe it has happened on numerous occasions. It is in black and white.

SHAME, SIR!

Schoolmaster who won't allow his boys to play curtain-raiser to big game, must realise the influence it would have on the boys. Be a sport, show your boys the sportsmanship we Aussie folk claim.

HEADS A BOB

Pittoni, who missed State selection, has been selected to play for an Australian Eleven against New Zealand in Adelaide today.

Strange thoughts are running through my head.

I agree, Denis, soccer has improved — JUNIOR soccer.

Senior soccer has not felt or realised it — YET.

Perhaps in a few years time, when Mr. Young's coaching has taken effect, we will see good football. Until then, we will stay as we are — SCRAMBLE football.

NOTE!

All queries regarding "Soccer Round-Up" should be addressed c/o. Station 3XY.

Australia v. New Zealand—AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Australian XI to play New Zealand in Adelaide on Saturday, August 7:—LORD (N.S.W.), MATHER (S.A.), PITTONI (Vic.), R. ADAIR (W.A.), JACK (Captain, Vic.), SUCHANEK (S.A.), STEWART (N.S.W.), FRANCHI (W.A.), KITAS (S.A.), HARMSEN (Tas.), PLATEO (Vic.).

Learn with Len Young

Soccer Coaching

The tenth of a series of articles by the V.A.S.F.A. Official Coach.

GAME CONDITIONINGS (continued)

Undoubtedly the most accurate kick in soccer is made by using the "inside of the foot", and after continual practice, a player should be able to reach an objective at least 20 yards away with some considerable force, and certainly with a far greater degree of accuracy than is possible with any other type of kick. The very name of the kick explains why the use of it means "more accuracy". Obviously, more surface of the foot makes contact with the ball than even the "instep" (that part of the foot embracing top of the toe and front of the foot), which is used, of course, for the power drive. The greater surface contact, therefore, must give a player a greater margin of error. It is widely used by wingers, less so by inside-forwards, slightly less by wing-halves, and usually very little by the rest of the defence.

The reason of its popularity with wingers, of course, is because about 90 per cent. of their kicks are either passes to their inside partner, centres on the run, and on odd occasions, to the wing-half. This latter pass is often made when the winger receives a ball whilst facing the middle of the field. It will be noticed, therefore, that most of his foot contacts with the ball are made "across" the body. In the case of the right-winger, from right to left, and vice versa for the outside-left. A winger then has to consider, as of major importance, "inside the foot" kicking as allied to his own game positionally from the earliest moment. He also very quickly discovers that power allied to: 1. The foot K is a necessity if he is ever to reach the middle of the field, and this power or force is reflected in even "short passes" to his colleagues. The rest of the players usually realise the accuracy of this particular kick, but owing to lack of practice, associate it with passing or shooting over short distances.

It is to be noted here that those players used by the club as penalty-takers, and who favour "placing" the ball, hit it with quite a fair amount of power. They have obviously practised this to prevent interception by the goalkeeper. "If only players would learn this lesson and apply during normal phases of the game!"

How many times are passes made with the inside of the foot, blocked by opponents, not because of any inaccuracy on the part of the passer, but "lack of power?" Presuming the coach has overcome any crowding by his team, his next step could well be conditioning a game so that every kick must be made with the inside of the foot. This enables every player, not only the wingers, to get far more practice in this particular exercise than they would normally get in many matches.

I did stress that every kick must be made the same conditioning, but perhaps I should except the goalkeepers. Those worthies should, in my opinion, practice goalkicks, volleys, etc., with the instep kick.

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VOICE OF THE THIRD DIVISION

By RAY CARLSEN

DANDENONG ROVERS

This week we limelight the Dandenong Rovers.

In 1951 Mr. Sutcliffe, John Edwards and George Govaars (late of Brighton) formed and entered this club in the Fourth Division. Getting away to a really good start they finished close behind the League winners and won promotion into the Third Division, and in doing so brought forth quite a few comments as to their future, but I'm afraid these comments were all astray for in 1952 and 1953 they finished in the middle of the "field", and once again we find them holding this very same position. What's the matter, lads? three years and no advancement. With such a vast area from which to draw players surely you can do better than that. No juniors, either! Tut! Tut! Two ready-made teams in the High School and Technical School, and lads galore all around you. Maybe this is the reason for no advancement. Remember, Dandenong, there's no future for clubs who do not foster juniors.

Playing on the High School ground, which I'm informed, they get rent free, this club is very fortunate when we think of some of the rents other clubs are paying. The Ladies' Social Club, with their "cuppa" every Saturday, and such good workers in the committee as Mr. Porteous, etc., I'm sure readers will agree with me when I say this club has the ball at its feet, so come on, Dandenong, how about giving it a really good kick.

What about a large advertising campaign in the local paper, posters and handbills? The players won't come to you, so give them a shake-up and chase them. This goes for present players down there, too. Don't leave it all to the committee, lads. Hop in and help cover the whole district, and I've no doubt your efforts will be well rewarded.

Another item which may bear fruit is for your club's assistance regarding coaching. The High School and Technical School to help out V.A.S.F.A. Coach, Mr. Young. The men to contact in this respect are Mr. Manahue at the High School, and Mr. Sweeney at the Technical School. I would also like to point out that you are entitled to nominate one or more members of your club to attend Mr. Young's coaching class.

MAIL IT TO ME

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"Jock" (Moreland) asks: Why three "bob" to see enclosed games? **Compare our price with those of other amateur sports — tennis, ice hockey, table tennis, etc. Fair go, Chum!**

"Wager" (Elsternwick). **Scotland and Norway played on May 5 this year at Glasgow.**

"Wondering" (Fawkner). **Dave Stoddart has retired from soccer. Business prevents Dave from playing.**

"Query" (Prahran). **Australia was defeated 2-1 by Poland in the final of the Laidlaw Cup, 1953.**

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POT SHOTS

By "ONLOOKER"

A TRIP TO THE COUNTRY

First Division clubs look like making the trip to Yallourn next season. The "red shirts'" hollow victory against Sunshine City last Saturday virtually gains them promotion. Their bustling type of soccer is hard to check, especially on their home ground, and it is a fair prediction that a few top teams will drop points there next season.

DOCKERTY CUP

Yallourn also appear in one of the key Dockerty Cup matches at Elsternwick Park today. Their opponents, Hakoah — the club without a home — will be tough nuts to crack. With Tom Jack back at the pivot to provide that solidarity which Hakoah missed in his absence, the result should favour the light blues. Their inside trio are match-winners when in form. Last year's defeated semi-finalists, J.U.S.T., and Polonia meet in another game that should provide plenty of thrills for the spectators. After last week's result the Poles should be favourites, and I expect them to repeat the performance today.

FAR, FAR, AWAY

It was a most pleasing photo on the front of last week's "Soccer News". I am not referring to Pat Clarke's bad luck, but to see that packed stand in the background. Just one thing against the Showgrounds is that the crowd are too far away from the field, and it does not have the atmosphere that some of the other grounds have.

DESTINATION SHOWGROUNDS

Presume a lot of soccer followers will find a good reason to be away from work next Wednesday afternoon. Perhaps even inspecting some of the fine buildings out near the Showgrounds. Congratulations to the people concerned in allowing schoolboys to see the visiting New Zealanders free of charge. Must finish my column here as I have to go and hunt up my "school cap".

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THIRD DIVISION RESERVES

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MACCABI SOCCER CLUB

All clubs please note! Mr. F. Marks, Secretary, has changed his address to 73 Addison Street, Elwood.

FIXTURES COMMITTEE

It has now been arranged for Dockerty and Harry Armstrong Cups semi-finals and finals to be played on September 11, 18 and 25. Fixtures postponed on Saturday, August 14, due to the New Zealand v. Australia Test Match being played on that date will, in general, be played on Saturday, September 4.

A full fixture list for September 4 will appear in this column at a later date.

—S. Beaton, Secretary V.A.S.F.A., 737 Malvern Rd., Toorak, S.E.2.
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JUNIOR SECTION

SCHOOL SOCCER
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After a very successful year in 1953, we faced this season with a little anxiety as we could only use two of last year's team. We were agreeably surprised at the results of our two practice matches and so looked forward with confidence for another successful season.

A glance at the Technical Schools' ladder will show that this confidence was well justified.

Now, with only one round to be played, it seems certain that two unbeaten teams, Caulfield in the Southern Section, and Footscray in the Northern Section, will meet on August 18 to determine the outright winner of the Technical School competition.

Congratulations are due to Caulfield who, in their second year in the competition, has fielded as yet an unbeaten team. (We hope to do something about this.)

We wish to thank the Soccer Association for their sound supervision of our Technical Schools' competition, for providing competent referees, so essential for good soccer amongst schoolboys, and for the coaching services of Mr. Len Young, whose enthusiasm, ability and kindly attitude to boys is already making a marked improvement in our competition.

Finally, our thanks to Footscray City Club for their interest and time spent with our lads over the latter part of this season.—"V.C.N." [P.T.O.]

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PRAHRAN UNDER 14

Congratulations to Prahran Under 14's team who were the first team to beat Brighton "A". This win brings Prahran equal top with Brighton. The score was 3-2, a true indication of play. Prahran's three goals were scored by star centre-forward, John Gilleas. Prahran played as a "star team", not as a "team of stars". This win makes Prahran favourites for the premiership.

A word of thanks to Ernie Pearce, who has done a great deal for these juniors.—"Junior".

ESSENDON UNDER 15

On Saturday, July 31, an Essendon team defeated a weakened Sunshine United team by two goals to nil. Essendon made good use of the wind in the first half, and both Glover and Clarke had scored at half-time. Sunshine United, with the help of the wind, were well on top in the second half, but discovered that long-range shooting is hard to control. In addition, Essendon's goalkeeper, Suttie, held every possible shot, and some others besides.

—W. Bradshaw.

AROUND THE CLUBS

SOUTH MELBOURNE RESERVES v. PRESTON RESERVES

An exhibition of teamwork was witnessed at Middle Park on Saturday, July 31, when South Melbourne Reserves trounced the Preston Reserves.

The game opened with South Melbourne kicking against a strong breeze, but it was evident from the kick-off that South Melbourne were faster on to the ball and showed better control by putting on two goals from Coogan. Preston replied by scoring from a long kick, which the wind carried into goal. Minutes later Key added another two goals from perfect passes. Half-time scores: South Melbourne Res. 4, Preston Res. 1.

Second half was even more in the favour of South Melbourne, who completely overwhelmed the Preston boys as four more goals were scored by

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1954.

UNDER 20

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	12	11	1	0	46	8	23
Footscray	14	11	0	3	46	17	22
Brighton	15	9	0	6	37	29	18
Juventus	13	8	1	4	41	16	17
Sunshine City	14	7	0	4	22	15	17
Polonia	13	7	1	4	41	28	15
Hakoah	13	4	2	7	31	31	10
Pascoe Vale	12	4	0	8	21	39	8
Box Hill	13	3	2	8	20	41	8
Preston	14	3	0	11	13	60	6
Frankston	13	1	0	12	13	51	2

UNDER 17

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	15	14	1	0	55	7	29
Sunshine City	15	10	2	3	38	15	22
St. Kilda	15	10	2	3	42	15	22
Pascoe Vale	15	6	4	5	32	32	16
Prahran	14	6	2	5	42	28	14
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	15	6	1	8	30	38	13
Box Hill	15	4	3	7	14	20	11
Sunshine United	14	3	3	8	11	31	9
Moorabbin "A"	14	2	2	10	25	41	6
Moorabbin "B"	12	0	0	12	0	52	0

UNDER 15

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	17	13	3	1	77	15	29
Preston	17	14	1	2	52	12	29
Box Hill	15	10	2	3	37	8	22
Essendon "A"	13	9	2	2	38	9	20
Sunshine City	14	8	2	5	43	26	18
Pascoe Vale	16	8	2	6	21	31	18
Brighton	15	6	1	8	24	64	13
Moorabbin	17	4	2	11	17	53	10
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	15	4	0	11	1	57	8
Park Rangers	11	3	1	7	7	32	7
Essendon "B"	13	0	0	13	0	18	0

UNDER 14

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton "A"	15	15	0	1	58	5	30
Prahran	15	14	0	1	107	14	28
Moorabbin	17	10	2	5	50	18	22
Box Hill "A"	12	10	0	2	65	12	20
Sunshine City	15	8	2	4	18	29	18
Brighton "B"	14	5	3	6	10	25	13
Sth. Melb. United	16	6	0	10	36	45	12
Hakoah	16	4	2	11	23	44	10
Fairfield	17	5	0	12	20	118	10
Park Rangers	12	4	1	7	19	46	9
Box Hill "B"	10	1	0	9	4	3[illegible]	[illegible]
Williamstown	14	0	0	14	1	2[illegible]	[illegible]

Through the lack of results of the games not being phoned, I have found it most difficult to compile the League tables. If the clubs wish to see them in the "Soccer News", they MUST 'phone the results of games, whether played or not, to the Official Receiver of Results, Mr. J. O. Wilshaw (WF 3915).

All claims for games must reach the Acting Secretary within 72 hours of game being played, as no claim will be entertained after the expired time, in accordance with the League Rules.

—GEO. ELLIS, Acting Secretary.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL SOCCER

NORTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Footscray	9	9	0	0	51	3	18
Preston	9	6	1	2	23	14	13
Box Hill	9	5	1	3	10	22	11
Collingwood	9	2	1	6	10	34	5
Swinburne	9	1	2	6	5	15	4
South Melbourne	9	1	1	7	8	28	3

SOUTH

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Caulfield	9	9	0	0	40	8	18
Oakleigh	9	7	0	2	33	15	14
Brighton	9	3	2	4	27	20	8
Sandringham	9	1	1	4	23	42	6
Richmond	9	1	3	5	13	30	5
Prahran	9	0	3	6	10	48	3

Around the Clubs — Continued

Key. Soon after goals were added by Smiles 1, Egleton 4, making the score: South Melbourne Res. 10, Preston Res. 1.

Thanks, Preston, for a real clean game. Best and fairest for South Melbourne Reserves: Key, Smiles. Goal scorers: Key 6, Smiles 1, Eagleton 1, Coogan 2.—"Standby".

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	15	10	5	0	44	16	25
Hakoah	14	10	1	3	53	27	21
Brighton	14	8	2	4	38	27	18
J.U.S.T.	14	8	2	4	39	30	18
Polonia	14	6	5	3	27	17	17
Footscray City	14	6	0	8	29	30	12
Moreland	14	5	1	8	36	37	11
Prahran	15	4	2	9	21	39	10
Box Hill	15	4	0	11	34	57	8
South Yarra	15	1	2	12	21	56	4

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	15	12	2	1	49	19	26
Yallourn	15	10	1	1	30	11	21
Sunshine City	15	10	1	4	31	24	21
Park Rangers	15	8	2	5	45	37	18
Maccabi	15	7	1	7	39	39	15
South Melbourne	15	6	2	7	31	36	14
Preston	15	4	2	9	18	26	10
Geelong	15	3	4	8	23	38	10
White Eagles	15	4	0	11	25	41	8
Sunshine United	15	1	2	12	9	41	4

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	16	14	1	1	73	12	29
F.N.D.	15	12	1	2	49	16	25
Hellenic	15	12	1	2	64	31	25
Sandringham City	16	7	4	5	39	26	18
Dandenong	16	7	1	8	35	41	15
Moorabbin City	17	5	2	10	35	51	12
Frankston	17	4	4	9	27	47	12
Williamstown	16	4	2	10	30	47	10
Coburg	17	3	4	10	18	58	10
Fairfield	17	1	1	15	13	49	6

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maribyrnong	17	13	3	1	53	15	29
Wilhelmina	15	13	1	1	58	13	27
Ukrainia	17	11	2	4	45	22	24
Upper Yarra Dam	16	9	3	4	47	20	21
I.C.I.	17	9	2	6	40	27	20
University	15	5	1	9	16	58	11
Heidelberg	16	1	1	14	27	67	9
Victorian Colts	5	4	0	1	25	7	8
Sunnyvale	17	1	1	15	9	72	5

Result Heidelberg v. Vic. Colts, August 1, 1954, not included.

—S. Beaton, Secretary V.A.S.F.A.

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AS AT MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	15	12	0	3	52	17	24
South Yarra	15	11	1	3	38	22	23
Polonia	14	10	1	3	40	14	21
Box Hill	15	8	2	5	35	24	18
Brighton	15	7	4	4	31	26	18
Footscray City	15	5	2	8	39	40	12
Hakoah	14	4	3	7	25	48	11
J.U.S.T.	15	4	2	9	25	46	10
Moreland	14	2	2	9	24	41	6
Prahran	14	1	3	10	26	54	5

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
George Cross	15	13	1	1	54	7	27
South Melbourne	15	11	2	2	56	12	24
Sunshine City	15	10	2	3	49	13	22
Geelong	15	8	2	5	19	16	18
Park Rangers	15	7	4	4	27	24	18
Yallourn	15	6	3	6	23	23	15
Sunshine United	15	3	5	7	18	18	11
Preston	15	3	3	9	19	40	9
Maccabi	15	2	0	13	8	50	1
White Eagles	15	0	2	13	9	22	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Astor	17	15	0	2	72	16	30
Hellenic	17	14	0	3	54	14	28
Slavia	17	13	0	4	56	25	26
Williamstown	16	12	1	3	50	21	25
Dandenong	15	8	0	7	41	22	16
Sandringham City	16	7	1	8	37	34	15
Union Jack	17	4	0	13	24	59	8
Coburg	16	3	1	12	9	30	7
Moorabbin City	15	2	1	12	16	62	5
Fairfield	16	0	0	16	10	81	0

Dandenong v. Moorabbin City result not telephoned.

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
St. Albans	17	15	2	0	110	21	32
Bayswater	16	13	1	2	72	18	27
St. Kilda	16	10	1	5	37	26	21
Wilhelmina	17	8	2	7	50	44	18
Werribee	16	9	0	7	37	31	18
University	17	7	0	10	21	81	14
Maribyrnong	17	5	0	12	21	33	10
Heidelberg	16	4	1	11	28	55	9
I.C.I.	17	4	1	12	17	18	9
Nunawading	17	4	0	13	12	66	8

Provisional League

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
South Yarra	10	7	2	1	40	17	16
Croatia	10	5	2	3	34	20	12
R.A.F.	10	5	2	3	37	24	12
Brighton	10	4	0	6	17	26	8
Box Hill	9	4	0	5	15	31	8
Ukraine	9	1	0	8	5	35	2

League completed.

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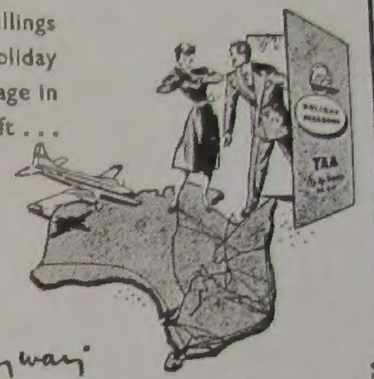

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